



◀ On January 23, 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, **thereby** becoming America's first female doctor. Today, about a third of all American doctors are women. "Physician" is another word for "medical doctor."

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History
<i>thereby</i>	adverb	as a result; by that means	from an Old English word that meant "thus," "by means of," or "because of that"

Name other words that mean about the same thing.

thereby

Name other words that have the opposite meaning.

Write a sentence or question that includes this word.

In Short

"MD" is an abbreviation that stands for doctor of medicine. There are other abbreviations for doctors, including OD (doctor of optometry), DDS (doctor of dental science), PhD (doctor of philosophy), EdD (doctor of education), DVM (doctor of veterinary medicine), and JD (juris doctor). What are some other abbreviations you know? Why do people use abbreviations?

